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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 5 March, the Flak Kaserne in Weimar was occupied by about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 800 soldiers marched into the installation on 22 February. Troops practiced with 3 x 85-mm AA guns on 25 February. Motor vehicles were identified in traffic from and to the barracks installation.¹

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2. Troops in the Tannenberg Kaserne, eastern section, engaged in driving practice with trucks

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The western section of the installation was occupied by 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 soldiers engaged in close-combat training with mortars in the terrain north of the installation on 25 February and, on 5 March, about 400 troops engaged in field training with mortars and machine guns.²

3. The eastern section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne quartered about 450 troops on 5 March. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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4 to 6 x 37-mm AA guns drove to practices in the wooded area near Ettersberg daily. Trucks were seen in traffic to this section of the installation. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to the middle section of the installation

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4. On 22 February, 12 officers and 640 FM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen marching into the Nachrichten Kaserne, coming from the Weimar-halle. 4 On 23 February, trucks

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each towing a 37-mm AA gun, entered the installation. A signal practice including vehicles was conducted in the area of Unpferstedt on 4 March.

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6. On 5 March, 300 soldiers from the Luetzendorff Kaserne were entrained with full field equipment at the Weimar railroad station, and dispatched toward an easterly direction.

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1. Comment. Elements of the 13th AAA Div were involved in Eighth Gds Army exercises in the Gera-Zeitz-Lossa area after mid-February 1953. The units appear to have returned to Weimar about 18 February,

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2. Comment. The present report indicates that, among others, the mortar regiment of the 20th Gds Mecz Div is stationed in the Tannenberg Kaserne. The driving-school trucks belong to the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

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3. Comment. The report contains no confirmatory data as to the units hitherto carried in the Luetzendorff Kaserne. The 37-mm AA guns presumably belong to the 13th AAA Div.

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5. Comment. No AAA units have so far been observed in the Nachrichten Kaserne which quarters the 91st Sig Regt (US) of the Eighth Gds Army.

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6. Comment. Only motor vehicles from the army area were seen with the Hq Eighth Gds Army.

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